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## PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 12-9-02/2:00 AM  
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 12-7-02/6:20 PM  
NATURE OF CALL: SEARCH & RESCUE  
LOCATION OF CALL: MILLER LAKE TRAIL LAKE TAHOE  
CASE NUMBER: SO-02-19844  
RELEASED BY: SGT. JOHN GIOVANNINI

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On 12-7-02 at 6:20 PM four motorists off-roading on the Miller Lake trail on the west shore of Lake Tahoe called the Placer County Sheriff's Office by cell phone. They reported their two vehicles stuck in a snowdrift. These persons were located about 9-10 miles from the nearest paved road between Bear Lake and Barker Pass. They were ill equipped for the anticipated overnight lows in the low twenties.

A search and rescue was initiated and at 8:47 PM all four were located and assisted out of the back country by a patrol member of the Placer County Sheriff's Department. Although the group was not prepared to be driving in the backcountry they were all uninjured and had kept warm in their vehicles until reached by sheriff's office personnel. Two of the adults are from Sacramento County and the other two from the City of Oakland. Four ATV's, two snowmobiles, a PCSO patrol car, a PCSO communications vehicle and a helicopter were utilized in the search.

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